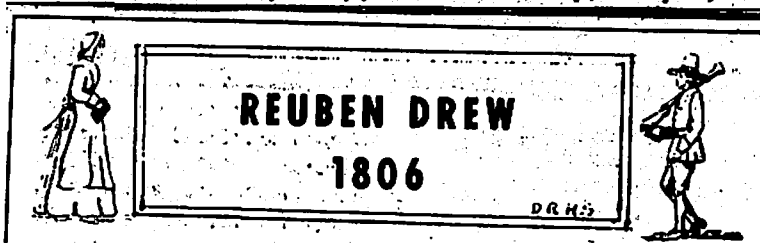


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Captain Reuben Drew and his brother Charles were sons of Sylvanus Drew whose ship yard was on the north side of Blue Fish River. They jointly continued the business and each lived near the ship yard, which was just east of Old Cove Street, Reuben to the west and Charles to the east. Ships were launched across the highway and there was a wharf out over the marsh. The Drew farm, with fish racks and salt works, too, reached north to Duck Hill River, making an extensive family holding.

Next to his own house, on land that was part of his father's homestead, Reuben built a large square house, probably in 1806, a date that is on the southeast chamber fireplace. Why he built or what use he made of the house cannot be determined from deeds. The quality of the interior woodwork suggests a family home but it could have been a boarding house for the men who worked in the ship yard.

There is no record that Reuben Drew ever lived in this house, so it must be said that this Drew House, located between Captain Reuben Drew's own home and the Drew shipyard is a Reuben Drew house, built in 1806, and presently owned by Newton W. Stephen.

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